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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 26, 2001, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I for further prosecution in the above. The Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn as a search of all the claimed subject matter would not be an undue burden on the Examiner. An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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